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**Noted Assemblage Artist Flavia Gilmore to Exhibit at
Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, Feb. 20 through April 2**
Reception to be Held Feb. 26; Artist's Talk Scheduled for March 11

SAN DIEGO – Works by Flavia Gilmore, a San Diego-area artist regarded as one of the region's most gifted practitioners of assemblage, will be featured in "Flavia Gilmore: Recent Work" presented by the Visual Arts Program of the City of San Diego Public Library. The exhibition, which runs from Feb. 20 to April 2 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, will include more than 30 assemblages and "collage paintings" created within the past five years and never previously shown.

Gilmore's innate ability to assemble and transform found objects into complex, expressive and unusual works of art is a progression from her early interest in collage. The dark, fetishistic quality of her oeuvre is particularly fascinating; eccentric in spirit, yet classically resolved in terms of line, composition, form and color. Over the years, Gilmore's art has been acclaimed by critics and acquired by a number of astute collectors, attesting to her reputation as a master of the genre. Now 75 years old, the artist is at the height of her creative powers.

As part of the exhibit, a reception for the artist will be held Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the branch library. In addition, Gilmore will discuss her work on March 11 at 1 p.m., also at the library. Both events are free and open to the public.

In mid-March 2006, an in-depth interview with Gilmore will begin airing on CityTV 24 as part of the "San Diego Profiles" series. This will be the latest in an ongoing series of television interviews with prominent San Diego artists conducted by the library curator as part of the Visual Arts Program.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch, which houses the library system's flagship gallery, is located at 4275 Cass Street. The Library can be reached at 858-581-9934. The library and gallery are open seven days a week: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

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The City of San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally recognized series that includes exhibitions, lectures, a television program, and other art-related activities. The mission of the program is to demonstrate the Library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wider local, regional and national attention. Visual Arts Program exhibitions are made possible, in part, by contributions from individuals, volunteer efforts and the Friends of the Central Library. For more information about the Flavia Gilmore exhibit, or tax-deductible contributions to the Visual Arts Program, please contact Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.

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